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**Comments****Examiner Ahmed:**

As requested during our teleconference, I have contacted the client to address the issues raised. The attached document is a proposed amendment which is believed to address your concerns regarding the claims.

I will contact you Wednesday, November 29, 2006 to discuss this matter further with your.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the teleconference with Examiner Ahmed, Applicants submit this further amendment, wherein the claims are amended as follows: